CHILD NUTRITION AND FOOD DISTRIBUTION DIVISION Management Bulletin No. 99-706 TO: Summer Food Service Program Sponsors ISSUE DATE: February 1999 Food Service Management Companies Summer Food Service Program Unit FROM: ATTENTION: Authorized Representatives SUBJECT: Eliminating Federal Requirements for Registering Commercial Vendors on the Summer Food Service Program REFERENCE: APB: SFS-99-03

This Management Bulletin provides information regarding Public Law 105-336, the Child Nutrition Reauthorization Act of 1998, signed on October 31, 1998. The law removed the requirement for registering food service management companies (FSMC) for the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and the specific standards for the registration.

This amendment authorizes the states to require and implement their own registration procedures. For the 1998/1999 program year, the SFSP Unit will continue registering FSMCs. The SFSP Unit will evaluate whether or not to continue registering FSMCs prior to the 1999/2000 program year. The SFSP Unit would appreciate feedback regarding the continuation of the registration process. You may provide input by writing to the California Department of Education, Child Nutrition and Food Distribution Division, SFSP Unit, 560 J Street, Suite 270, Sacramento, CA 95814 by June 30, 1999. Sponsors and FSMCs will be notified of the decision regarding registration requirements by August 1999.

Attached are acceptable procurement methods that will assist sponsors in their procurement practices with FSMCs and other entities.

If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Garza, Program Analyst, Summer Food Service Program Unit, at (916) 322-5885, or call the toll free message line at (800) 333-5675.

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